

# Critical Fluctuations in HIC

## ~ Theory ~

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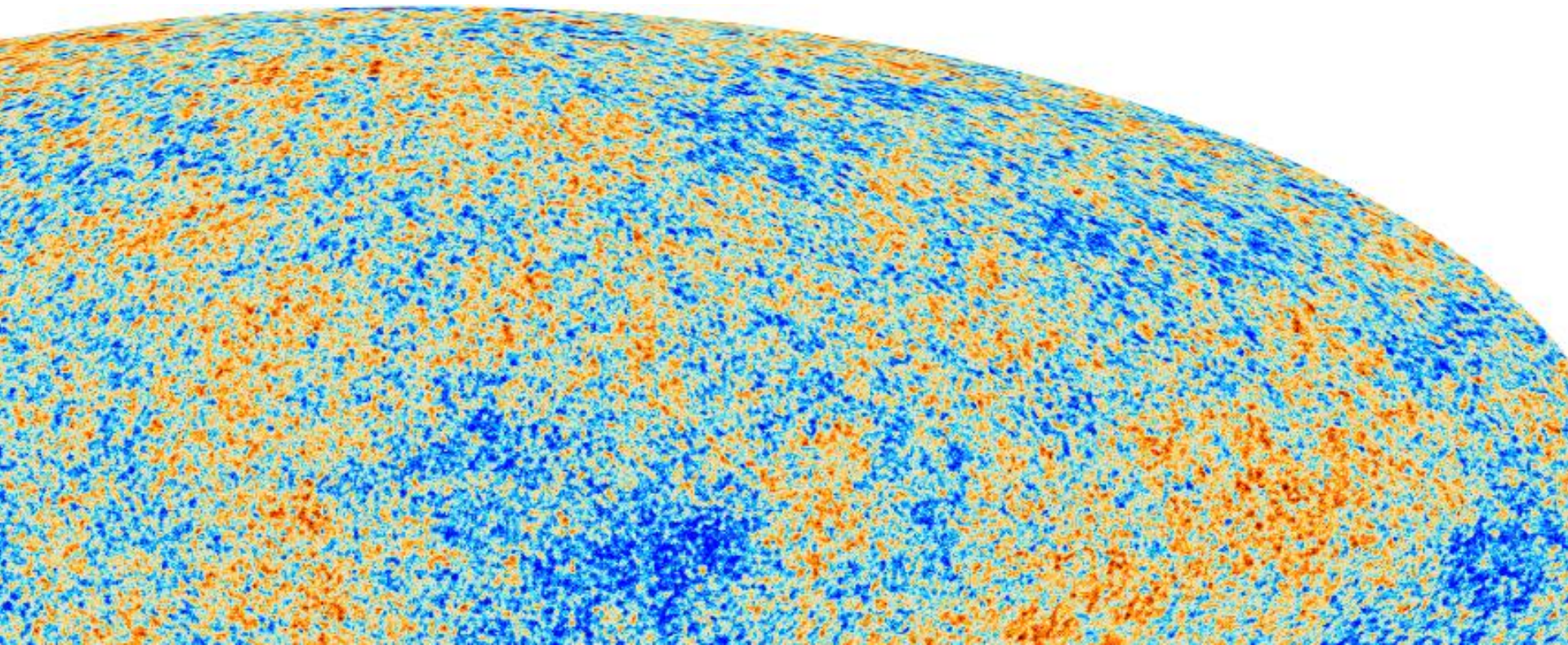
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from Wikipedia

## Coat of arms of Paris

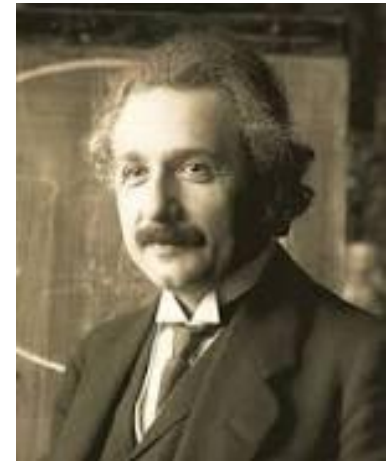
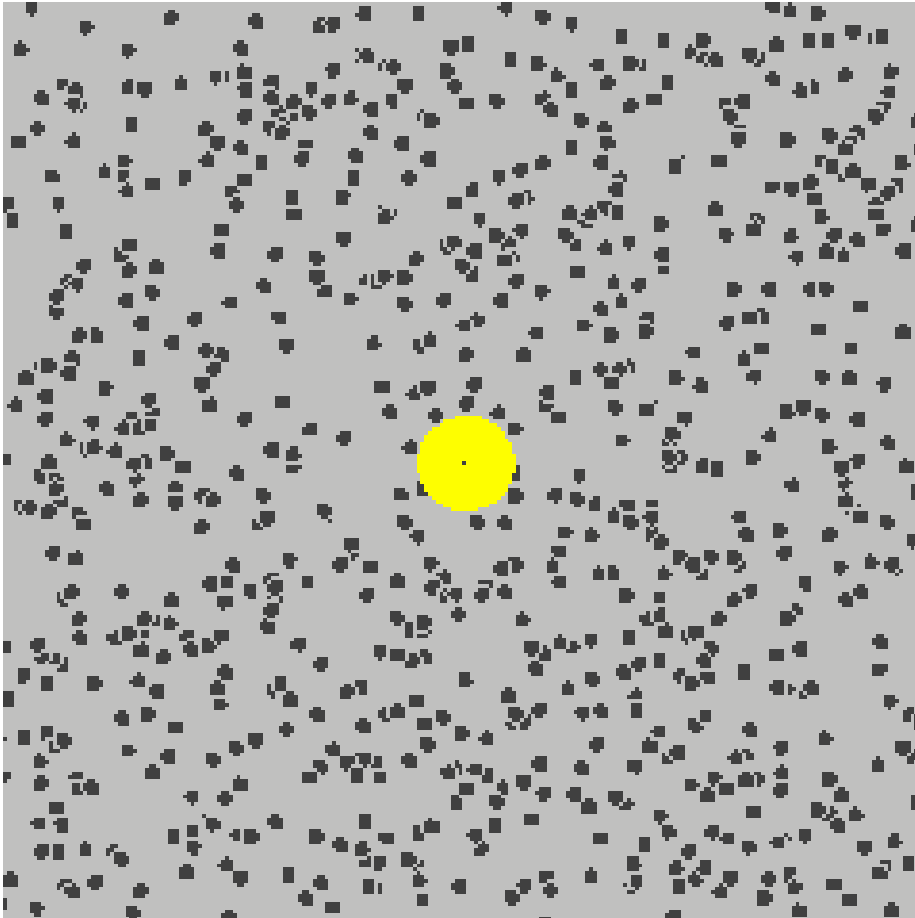


# Why Fluctuations?

Physicists can feel **hot** early Universe  
13 800 000 000 years ago  
in tiny fluctuations of  
cosmic microwave

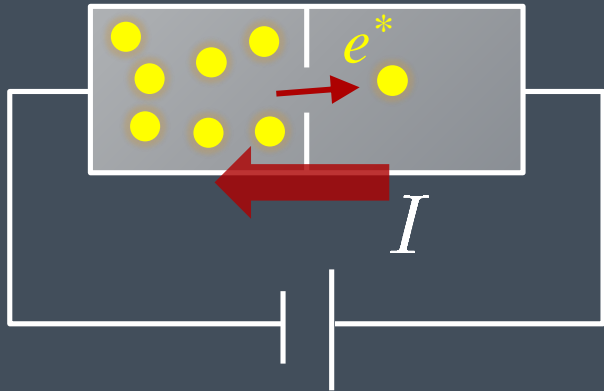


Physicists can feel the existence of **microscopic** atoms behind random **fluctuations** of Brownian pollens



A. Einstein  
1905

# Shot Noise



$$S_{\text{shot}} \sim \langle \delta I^2 \rangle$$

$$S_{\text{shot}} = 2e^* \langle I \rangle$$

charge of quasi-particles

Total charge  $Q$ :

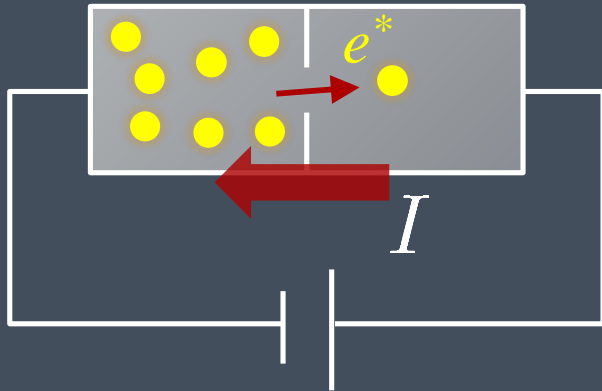
$$Q = e \langle N \rangle$$

$$\langle \delta Q^2 \rangle = e^2 \langle \delta N^2 \rangle = e^2 \langle N \rangle = eQ$$

$$\frac{\langle \delta Q^2 \rangle}{Q} = e$$



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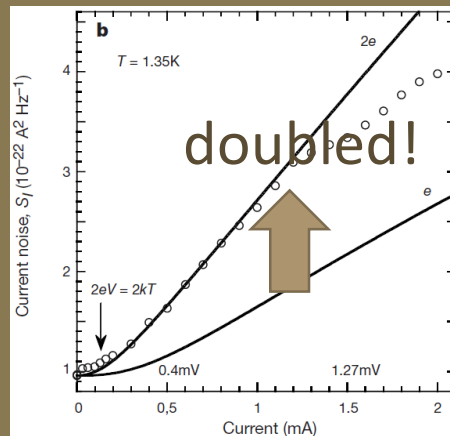
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charge of quasi-particles

Superconductors  
with Cooper Pairs

$$e^* = 2e$$

Jehl+, Nature 405,50 (2000)



Fractional Quantum  
Hall Systems

$$e^* = \frac{q}{p}e$$

Saminadayar+, PRL79,2526 (1997)

Higher order cumulants:

3rd order: ex. Beenakker+, PRL90,176802(2003)

up to 5th order: Gustavsson+, Surf.Sci.Rep.64,191(2009)

The noise is the signal.

R. Landauer  
1998



# A Coin Game

- ① Bet 25 Euro
- ② You get head coins of

A. 50 x 1 Euro



B. 25 x 2 Euro



Same expectation value.

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C. 1 x 50 Euro



Same expectation value.  
But, different fluctuation.

# Fluctuations in HIC: 2<sup>nd</sup> Order

**Search for QCD CP**



**Fluctuation  
increases**

Stephanov, Rajagopal, Shuryak, 1998; 1999

**Onset of QGP**



**Fluctuation  
decreases**

Asakawa, Heinz, Muller, 2000;  
Jeon, Koch, 2000

# Higher-order Cumulants

A. 50 x 1 Euro



B. 25 x 2 Euro



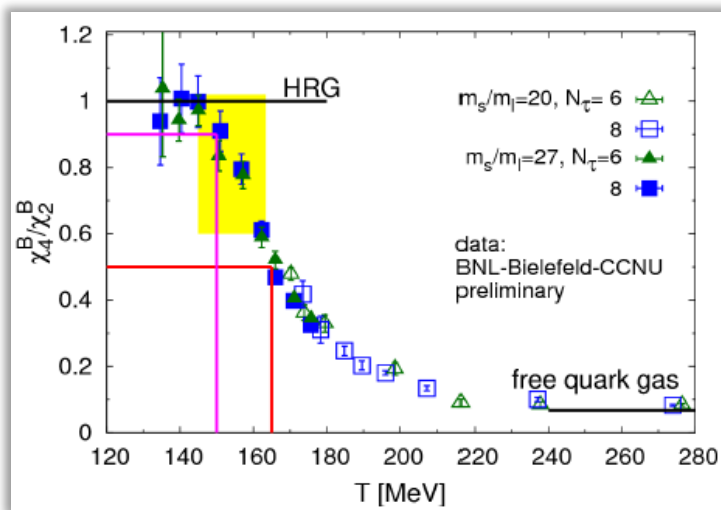
$$2 \langle \delta \epsilon^2 \rangle_{\text{1 Euro}} = \langle \delta \epsilon^2 \rangle_{\text{2 Euro}}$$

$$4 \langle \delta \epsilon^3 \rangle_{\text{1 Euro}} = \langle \delta \epsilon^3 \rangle_{\text{2 Euro}}$$

$$8 \langle \epsilon^4 \rangle_{\text{1 Euro}} = \langle \epsilon^4 \rangle_{\text{2 Euro}}$$

# Non-Gaussian Fluctuations

## Onset of QGP



Fluctuation  
**decreases**

Ejiri, Karsch, Redlich, 2006

## Search for QCD CP



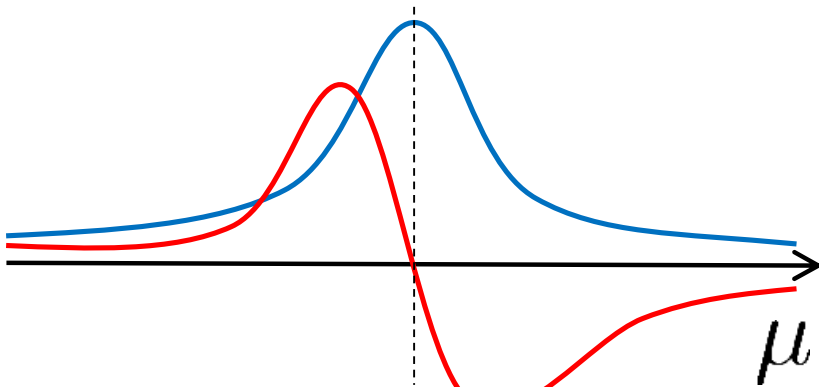
Fluctuation  
**increases**

Stephanov, 2009

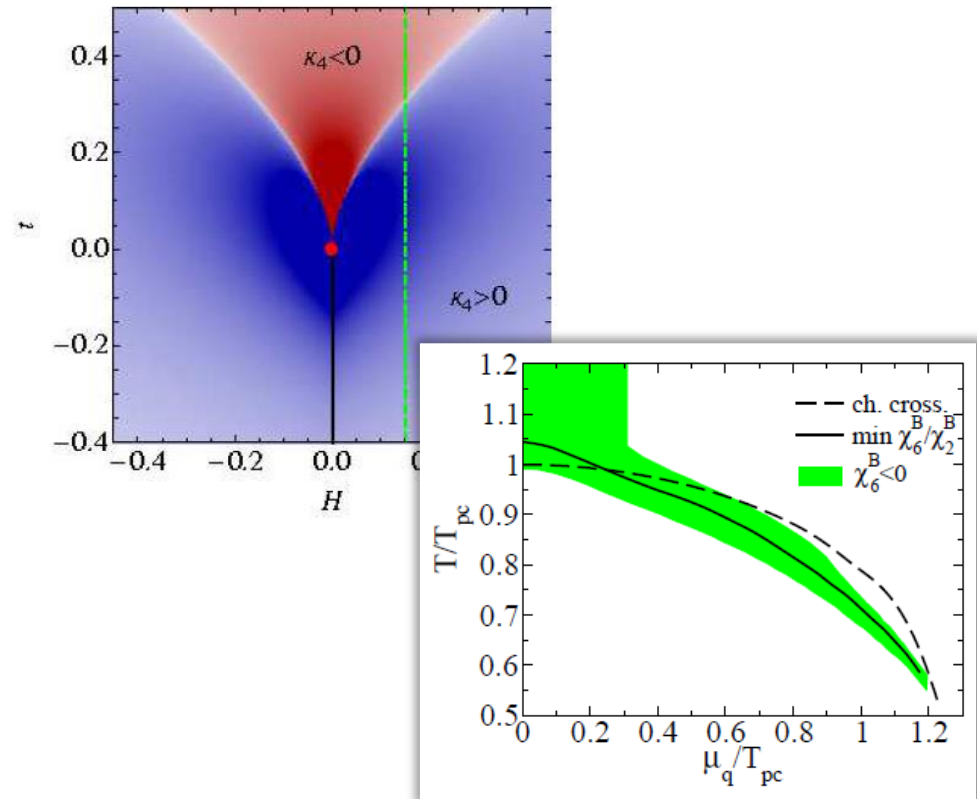
# Sign of Higher-order Cumulants

Higher order cumulants can change sign near CP.

$$\langle \delta N^3 \rangle = T \frac{\partial \langle \delta N^2 \rangle}{\partial \mu}$$



Asakawa, Ejiri, MK, 2009

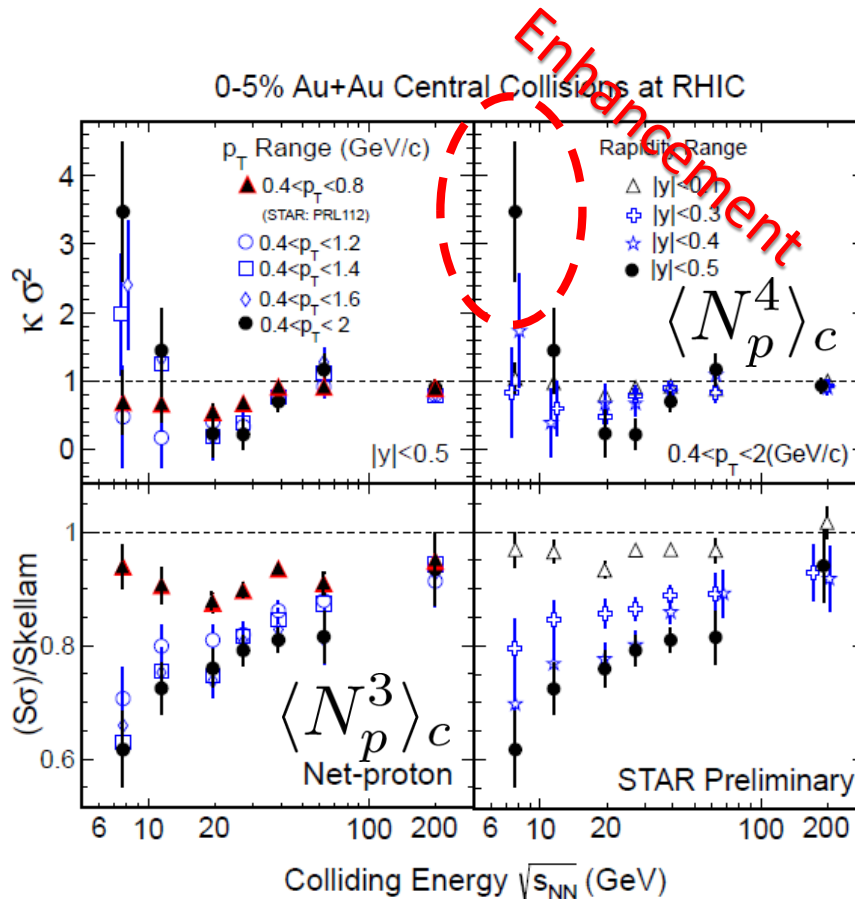


Stephanov, 2011;

Friman, Karsch, Redlich, Skokov, 2011; ...



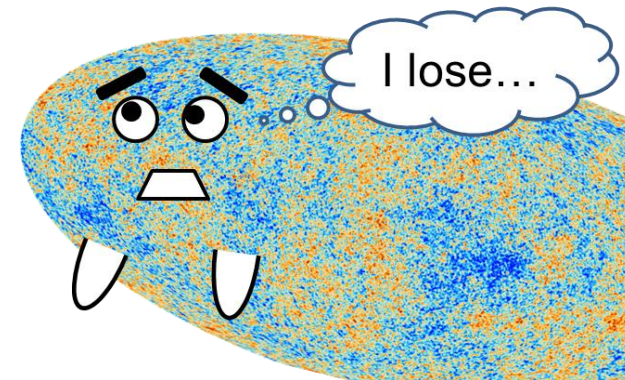
# Higher-Order Cumulants



**Non-zero non-Gaussian**  
cumulants have been  
established!

STAR Collab.  
2010~

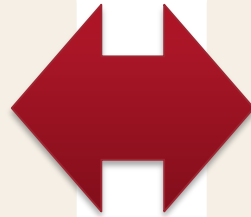
**This is a great  
achievement in physics!!**





# Theory/Lattice vs HIC

discussion so far  
**Thermal System**



real experiments  
**Dynamical System**

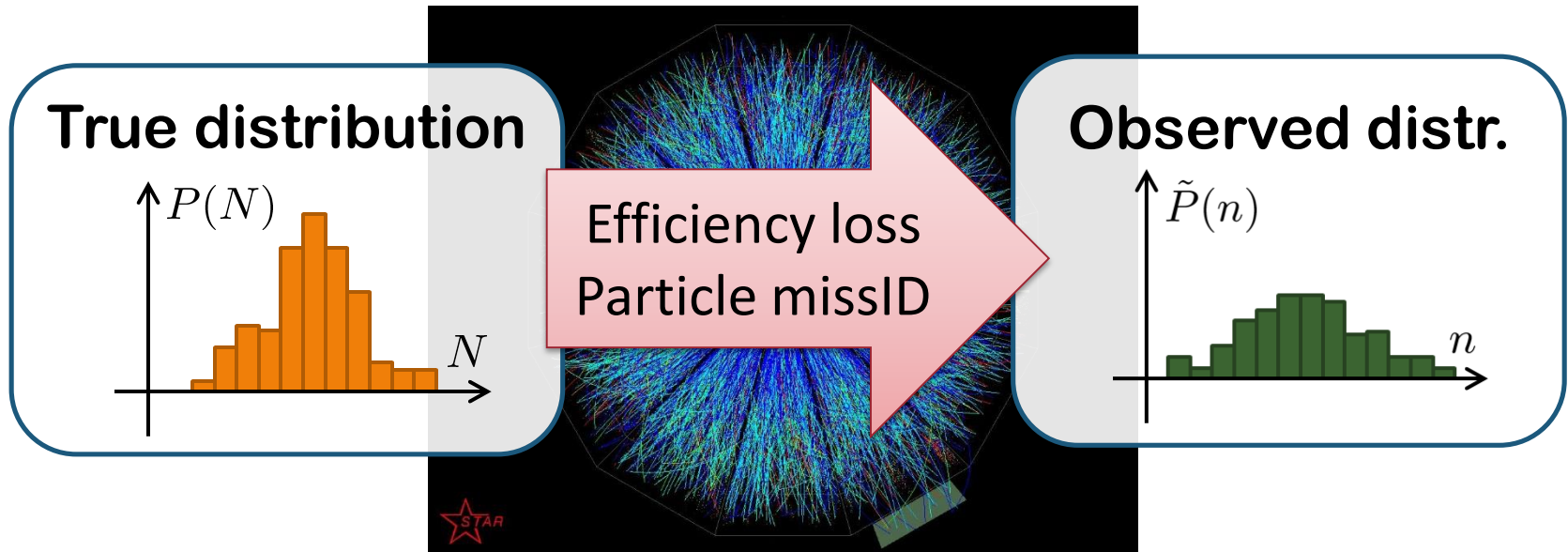
- Initial fluctuation
- Time evolution
- Correct experimental measurement

# Many Problems to be Considered

- initial fluctuation: volume, collision dynamics
- time evolution in fireballs
- rapidity vs space-time rapidity
- clustering / resonance decays
- global charge conservation
- effect of jets
- classical vs quantum
- evolution on dynamical models
- discrete vs continuous: particlization
- detector-response correction
- acceptance cut such as  $p_T$
- ...

# Detector-Response Correction

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## □ Correction assuming a binomial response

Bialas, Peschanski (1986);

MK, Asakawa (2012); Bzdak, Koch (2012); ....

But, the response of the detector is not binomial...

# Non-Binomial Correction

Nonaka, MK, Esumi (2018)

## □ Response matrix

$$\tilde{P}(n) = \sum_N \mathcal{R}(n; N) P(N)$$

Reconstruction for any  $\mathcal{R}(n; N)$   
with moments of  $\mathcal{R}(n; N)$

$$\langle n^m \rangle_R = \sum_n n^m \mathcal{R}(n; N)$$

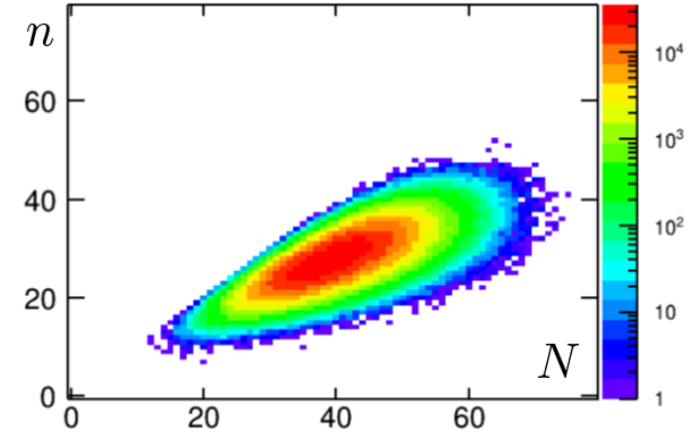
## □ Caveats:

□ Correction can be made. But,

□ Need accurate properties of the detector.

□ The higher order, the larger error.

□ Huge experimental statistics / numerical cost



# Result for Toy-Model

Binomial w/ multiplicity-dependent efficiency

$$\epsilon(N) = \epsilon_0 + (N - N_{ave})\epsilon'$$

Holtzman, Bzdak,  
Koch (16)

Nonaka, MK,  
Esumi (2018)

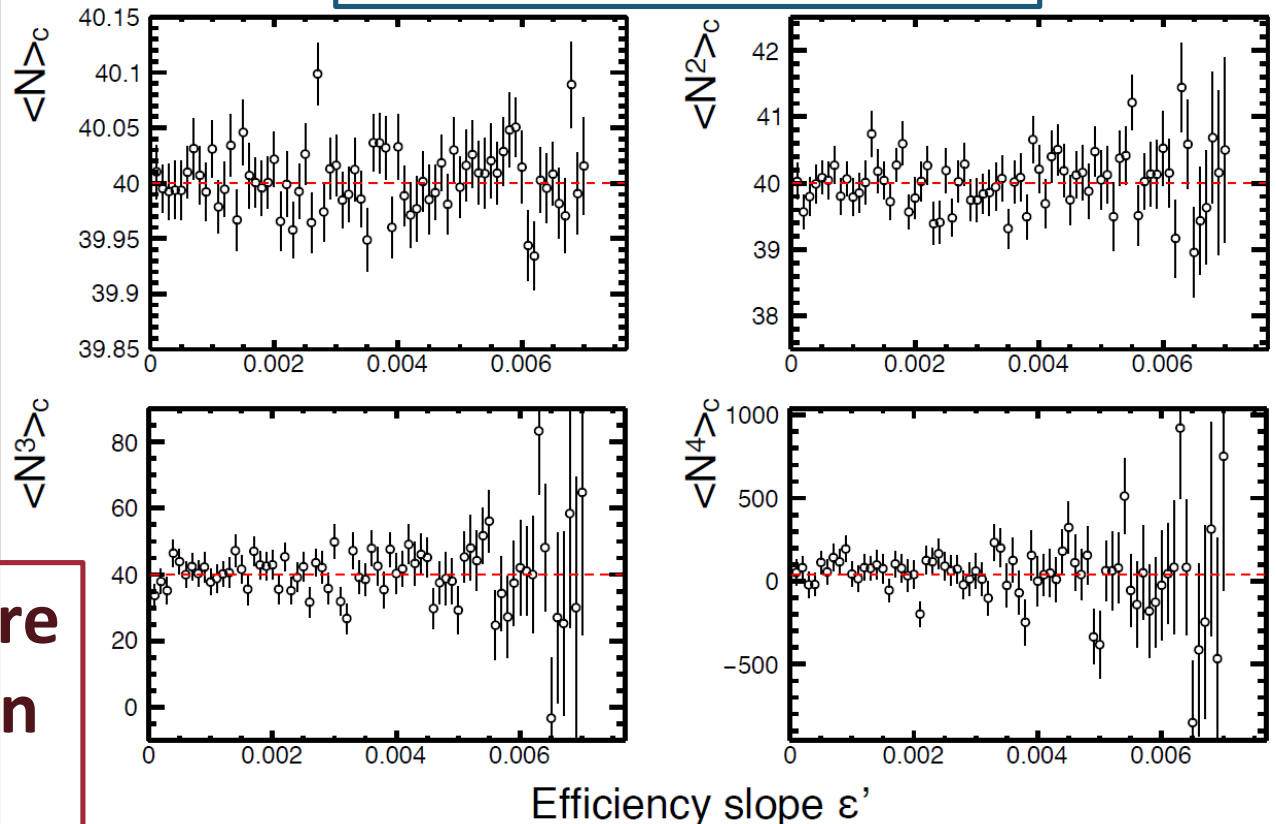
## Reconstructed cumulants

Input P(N):  
Poisson( $\lambda=40$ )

$$\epsilon_0 = 0.7$$

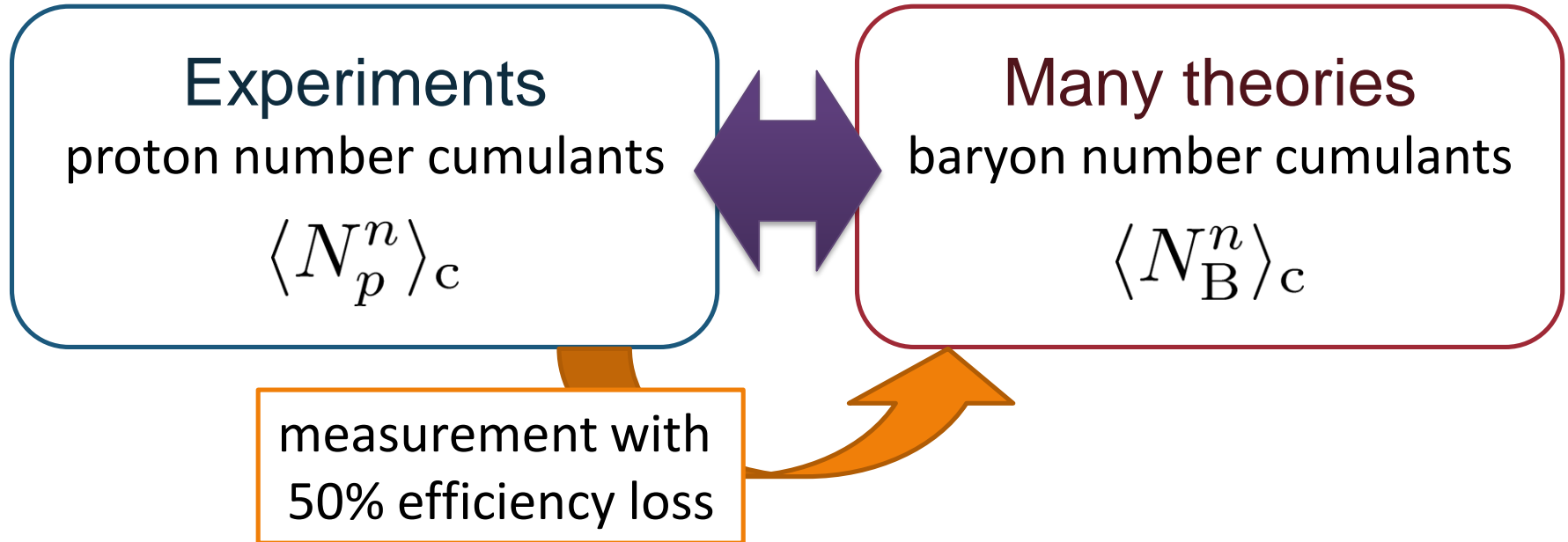
Red:  
true cumulant

**True cumulants are reproduced within statistics!**



# Proton vs Baryon Cumulants

MK, Asakawa, 2012; 2012



- ❑ Clear difference b/w these cumulants.
- ❑ Isospin randomization justifies the reconstruction of  $\langle N_B^n \rangle_c$  via the binomial model.
- ❑ Similar problem on the **momentum cut**...



# Fragile Higher Orders

Ex.: Relation b/w baryon & proton # cumulants  
(with approximations)

MK, Asakawa, 2012

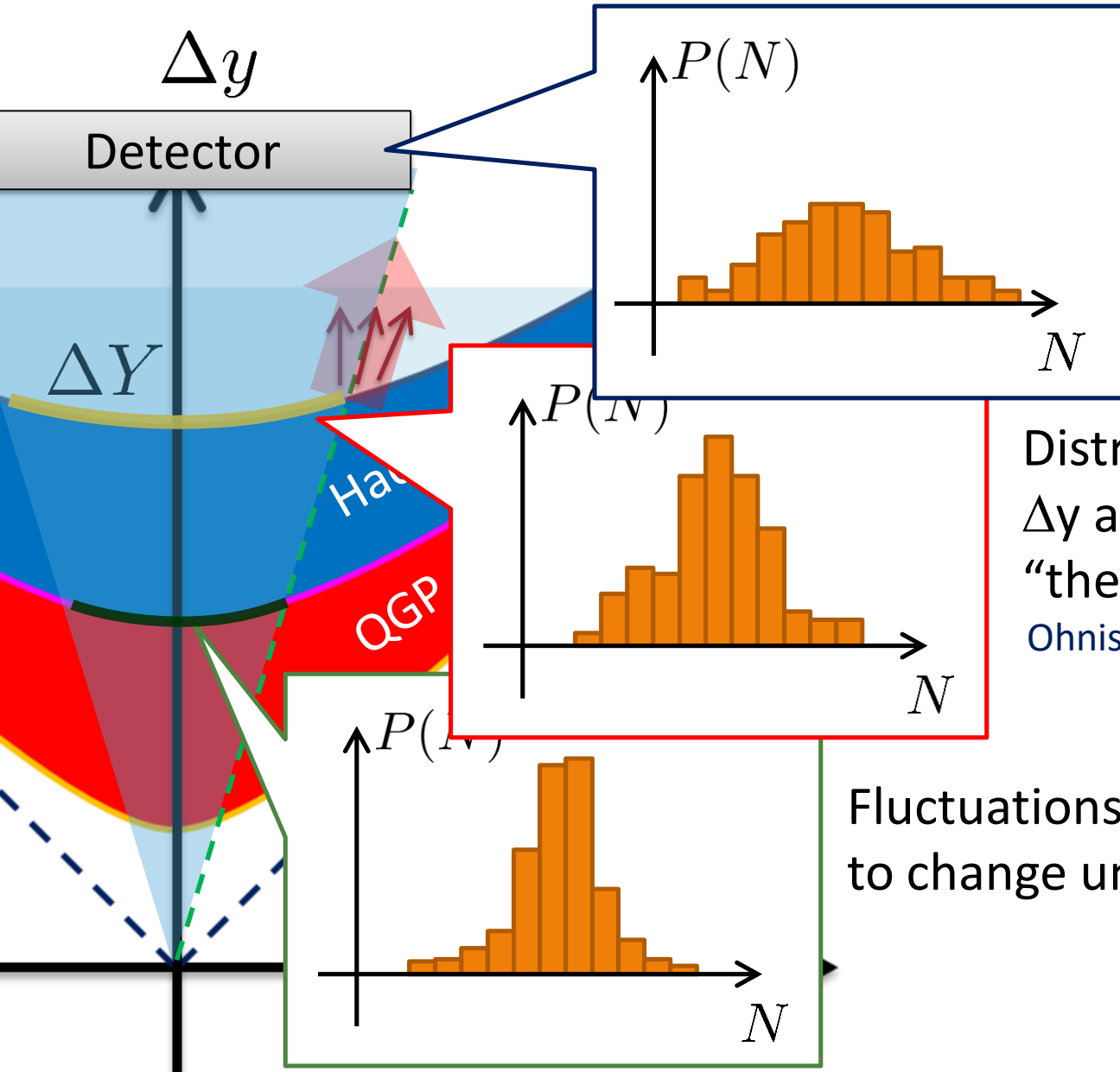
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2\langle(\delta N_p^{(\text{net})})^2\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\langle(\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^2\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\langle(\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^2\rangle_{\text{free}} \\ 2\langle(\delta N_p^{(\text{net})})^3\rangle = \frac{1}{4}\langle(\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^3\rangle + \frac{3}{4}\langle(\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^3\rangle_{\text{free}} \\ 2\langle(\delta N_p^{(\text{net})})^4\rangle_c = \frac{1}{8}\langle(\delta N_B^{(\text{net})})^4\rangle_c + \dots \end{array} \right.$$

genuine info.                      Poisson noise

Higher orders are more seriously affected by efficiency loss.

# Evolution of Fluctuations

# Time Evolution of Fluctuations



Distributions in  $\Delta Y$  and  $\Delta y$  are different due to “thermal blurring”.

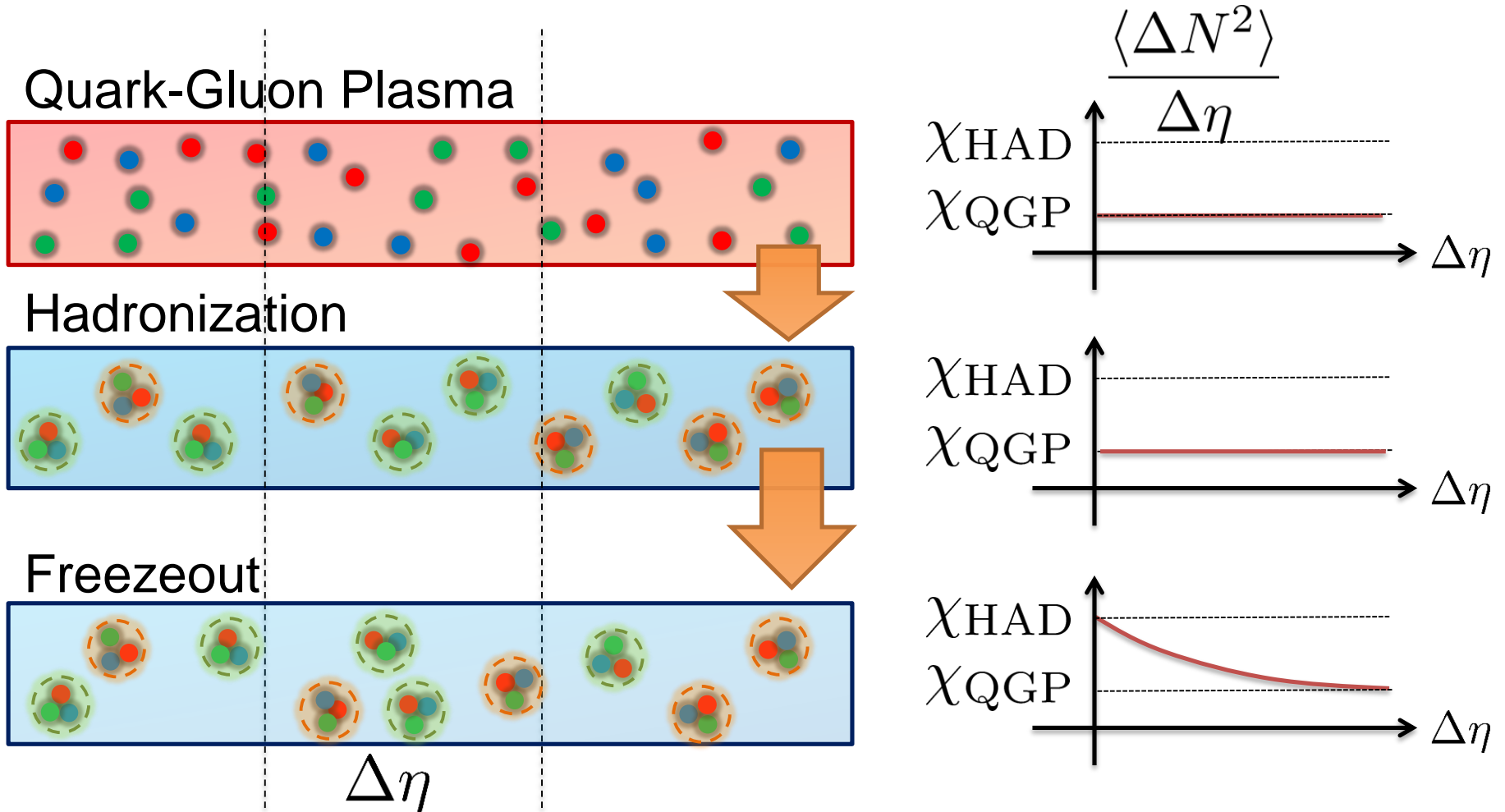
Ohnishi, MK, Asakawa, PRC(2016)

Fluctuations in  $\Delta Y$  continue to change until kinetic f.o.

# Rapidity-window Dependence

Asakawa, Heinz, Muller, 2000

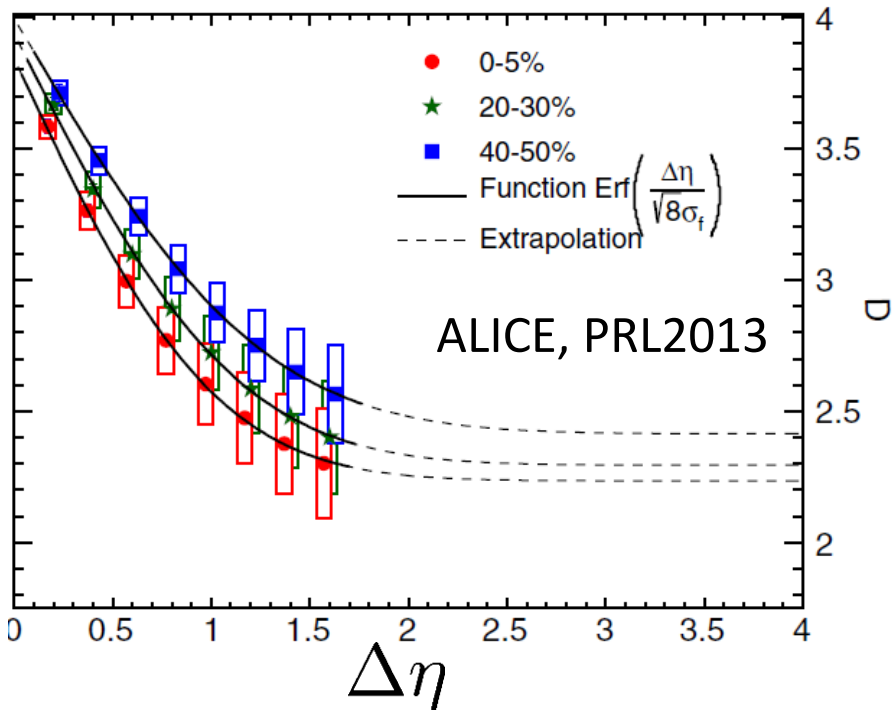
Jeon, Koch, 2000; Shuryak, Stephanov, 2001



The larger  $\Delta\eta$ , the slower diffusion.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Order @ ALICE

## Net charge fluctuation

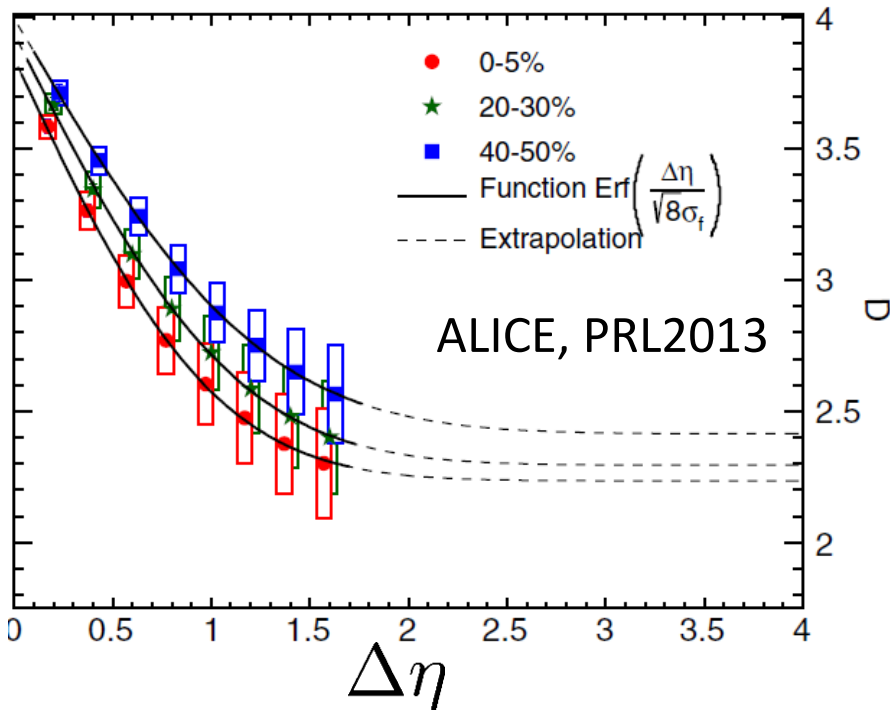


## D-measure

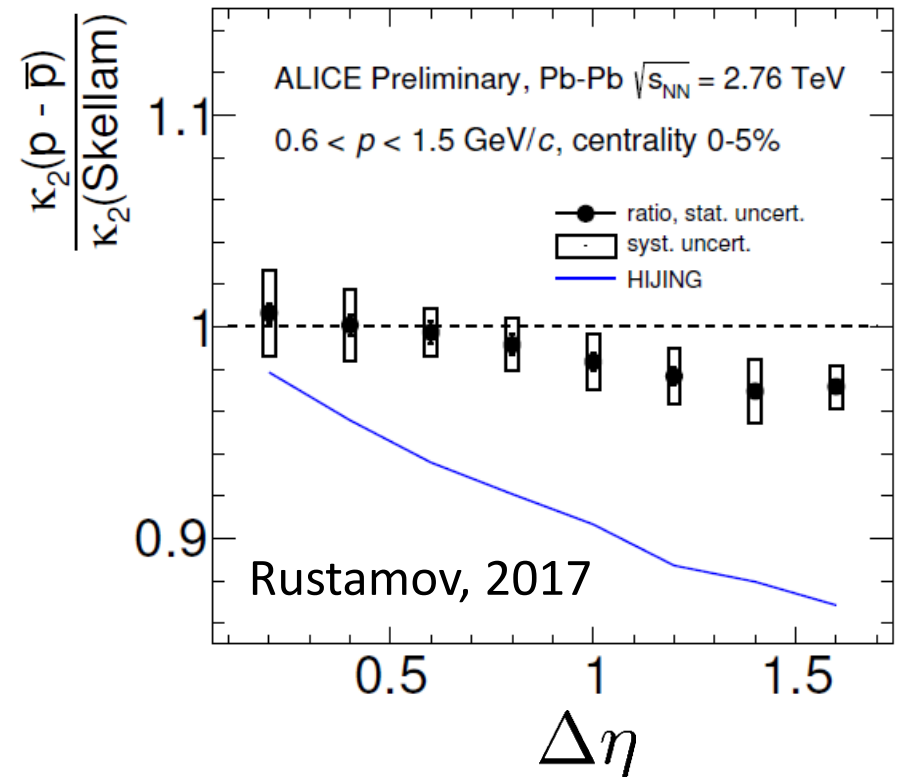
$$D \simeq 4 \frac{\langle \delta N_Q^2 \rangle}{\langle \delta N_Q^2 \rangle_{\text{HRG}}}$$

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Order @ ALICE

## Net charge fluctuation



## Net proton fluctuation

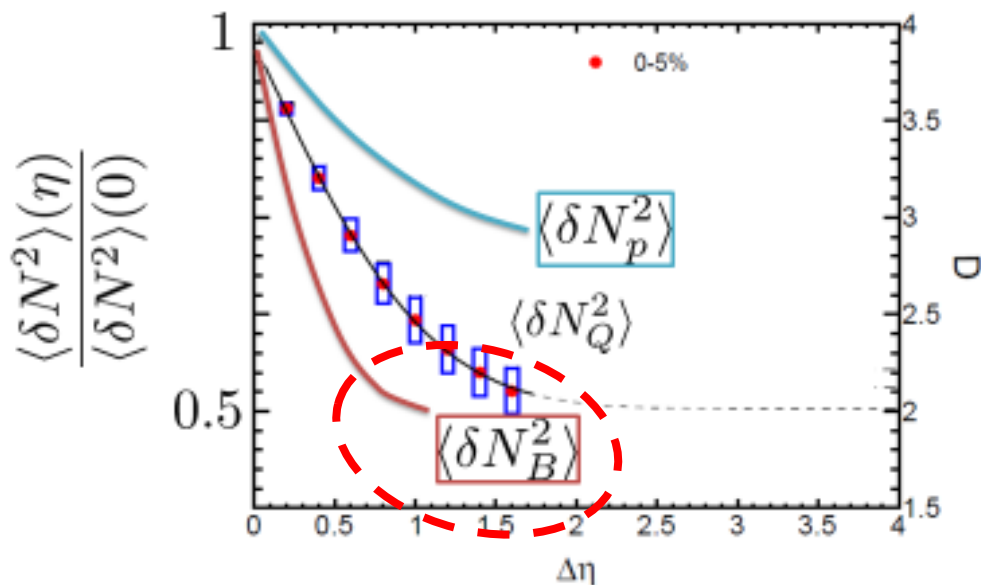


- Net-charge fluctuation has a suppression,
- but net-proton fluctuation does not. Why??

# From My Old Prediction

$\langle \delta N_B^2 \rangle$  and  $\langle \delta N_p^2 \rangle$  @ LHC ?

$\langle \delta N_Q^2 \rangle, \langle \delta N_B^2 \rangle, \langle \delta N_p^2 \rangle$   
should have different  $\Delta\eta$  dependence.



Baryon # cumulants are experimentally observable! MK, Asakawa, 2011;2012

GSI, Jan. 2013  
Berkeley, Sep. 2014  
FIAS, Jul. 2015  
GSI, Jan. 2016  
...

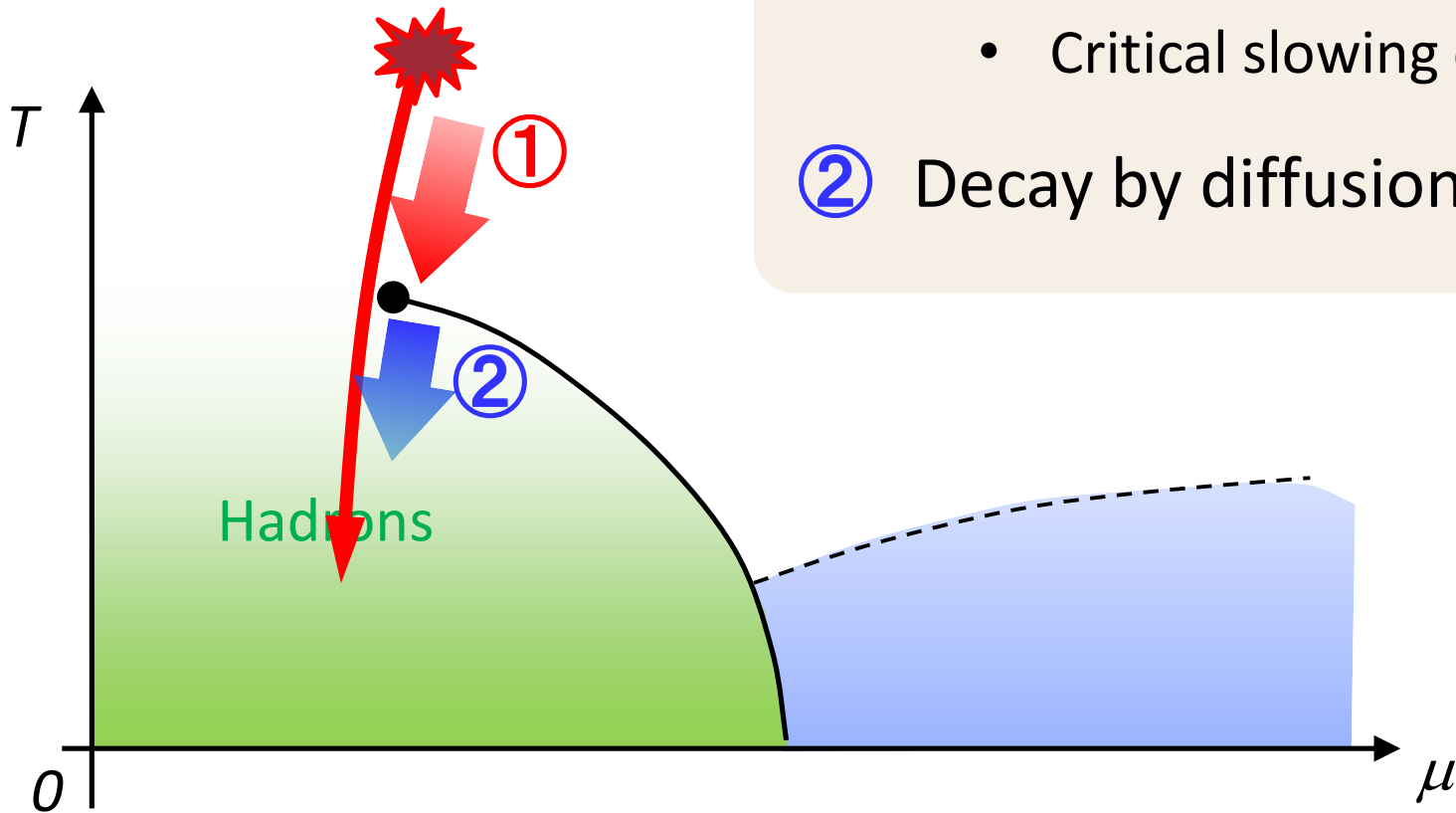
## Baryon #

- slower diffusion
- more sensitive to phase transition

How to understand proton/charge fluctuations @ ALICE ??



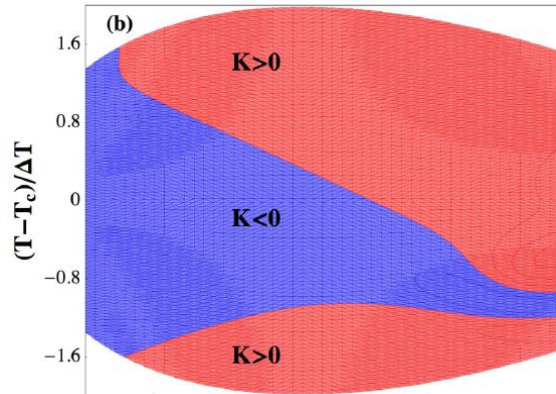
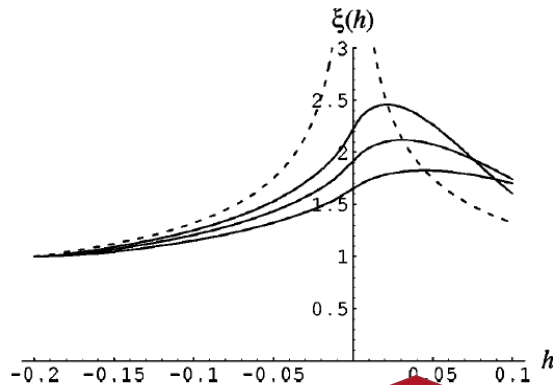
# Critical Fluctuation



- ① Growth of critical fluctuation
  - Critical slowing down
- ② Decay by diffusion

# Dynamical Evolution of Critical Fluctuations

## □ Evolution of spatially uniform “ $\sigma$ ” mode



Berdnikov, Rajagopal (2000)

Asakawa, Nonaka (2002)

Mukherjee+ (2015)

...

## Evolution of conserved charge fluctuations

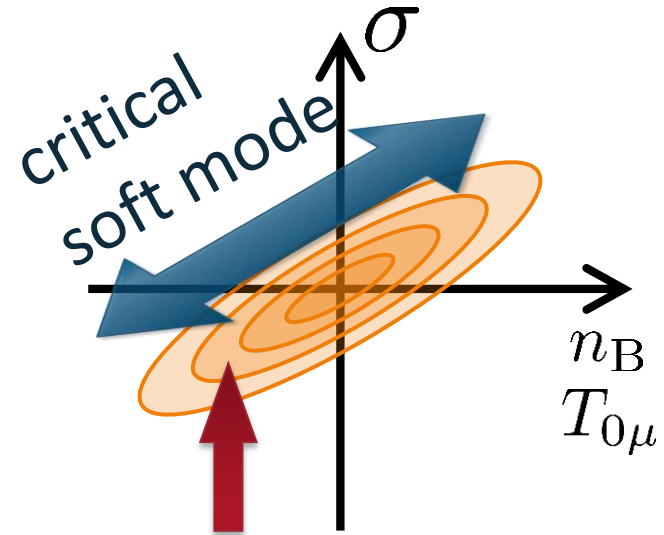
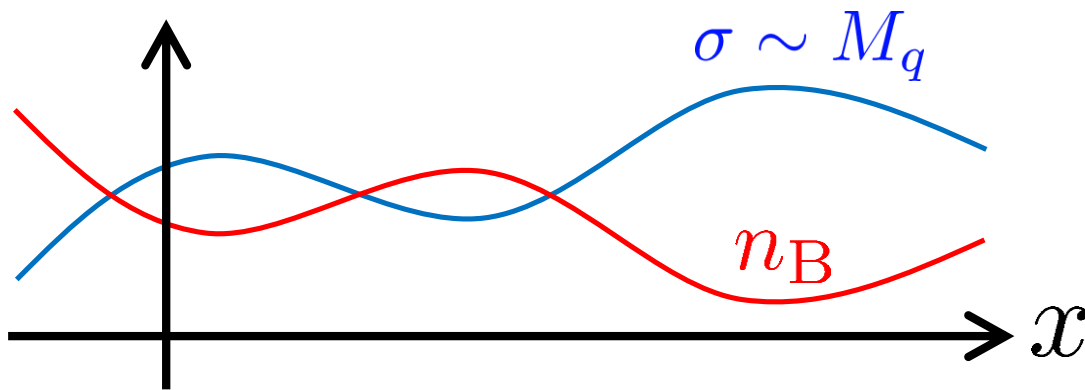
1. Conserved charges are directly observable.
2. Soft mode at QCD-CP is a conserved mode.

# Soft Mode of QCD-CP = Conserved Mode

Fujii 2003; Fujii, Ohtani, 2004; Son, Stephanov, 2004

Fluctuations of  $\sigma$  and  $n_B$  are coupled around the CP!

$$\delta\sigma \simeq \delta n_B$$



$\sigma$ : fast damping

$$F(\sigma, n) = A\sigma^2 + B\sigma n + Cn^2 + \dots$$

Evolution of baryon number density

## Stochastic Diffusion Equation

$$\partial_t n = D(t) \partial_x^2 n + \partial_x \xi$$

$$\langle \xi(x_1, t_1) \xi(x_2, t_2) \rangle = 2D \chi_2 \delta^{(2)}(1-2)$$

$D(t)$ ,  $\chi_2(t)$  : parameters characterizing criticality

- Analytic solution is obtained.
- Study 2<sup>nd</sup> order cumulant & correlation function.

## Our Main Conclusion

Non-monotonicity in  
cumulants or correlation func.

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Signal of  
QCD-CP

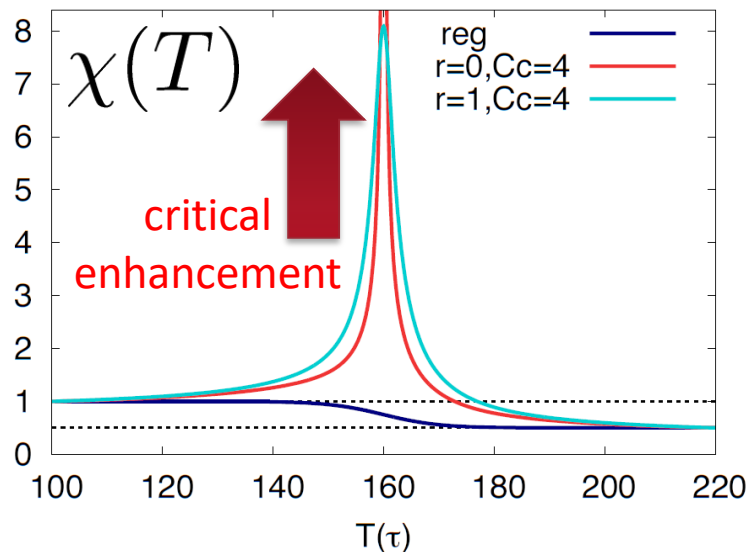
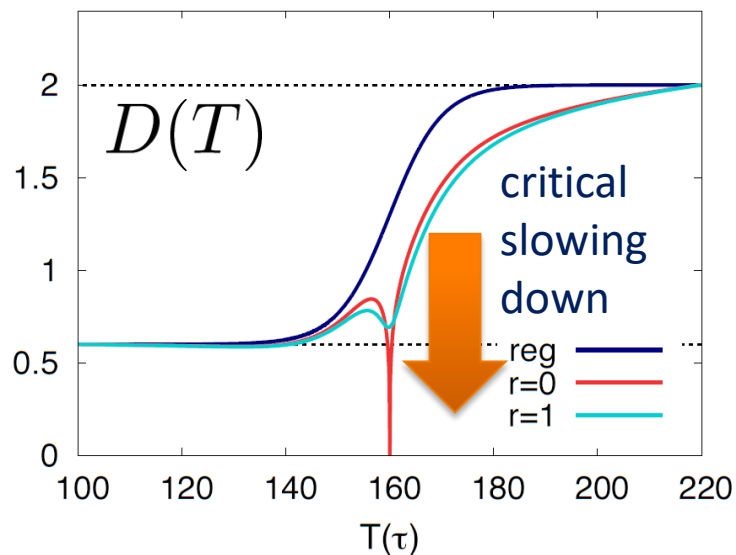
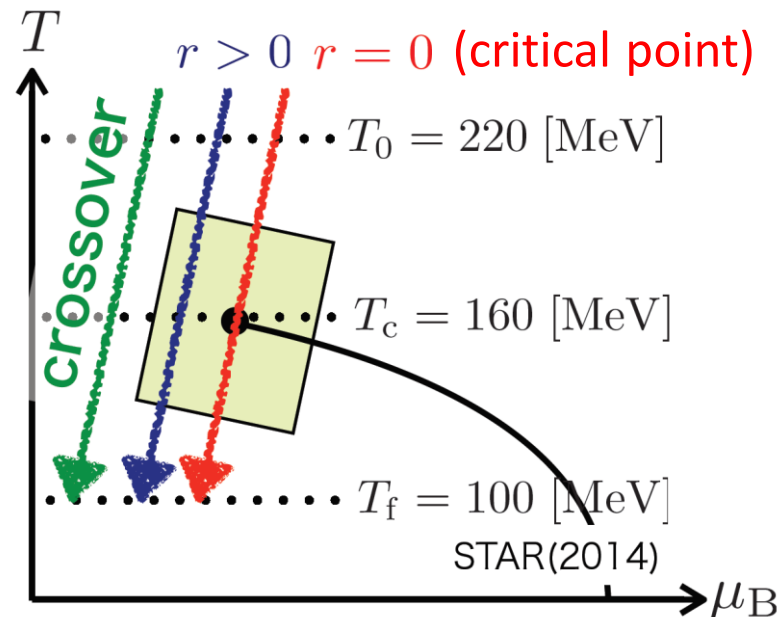
# Parametrizing $D(\tau)$ and $\chi(\tau)$

## □ Critical behavior

- 3D Ising ( $r, H$ )
- model H

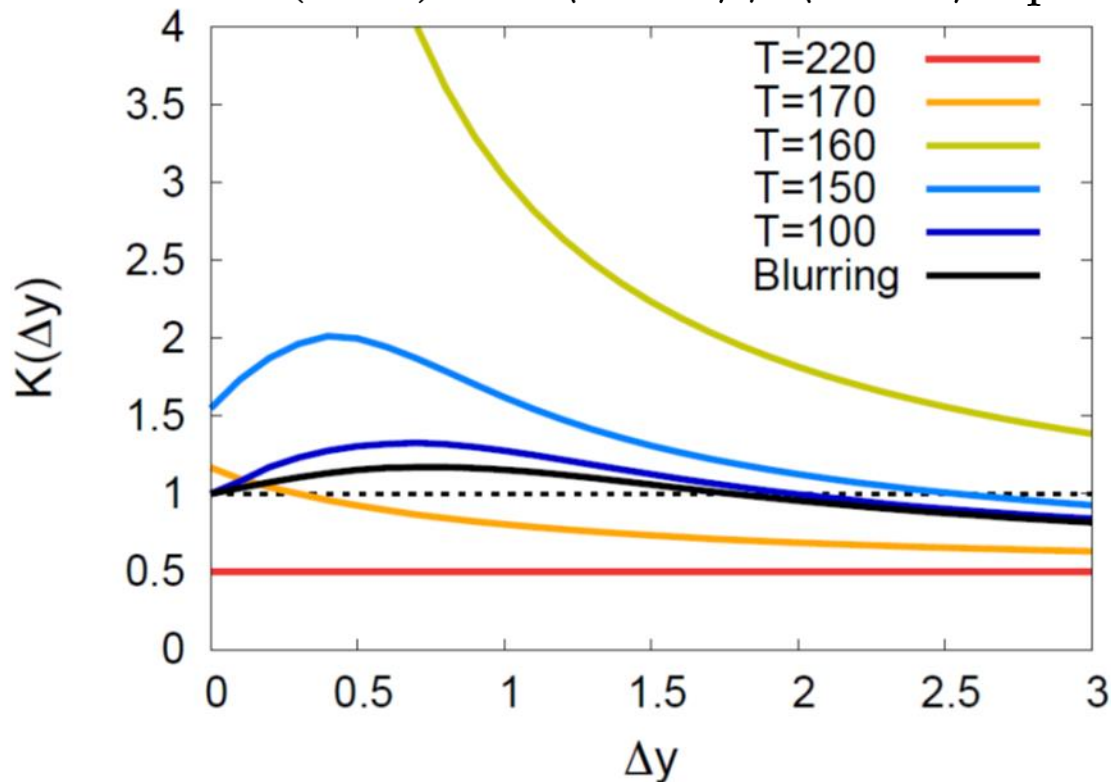
Berdnikov, Rajagopal (2000)  
Stephanov (2011); Mukherjee+(2015)

## □ Temperature dep.

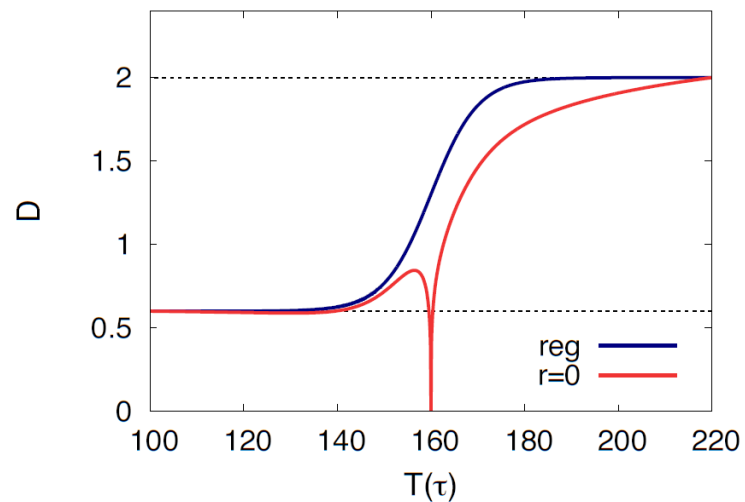
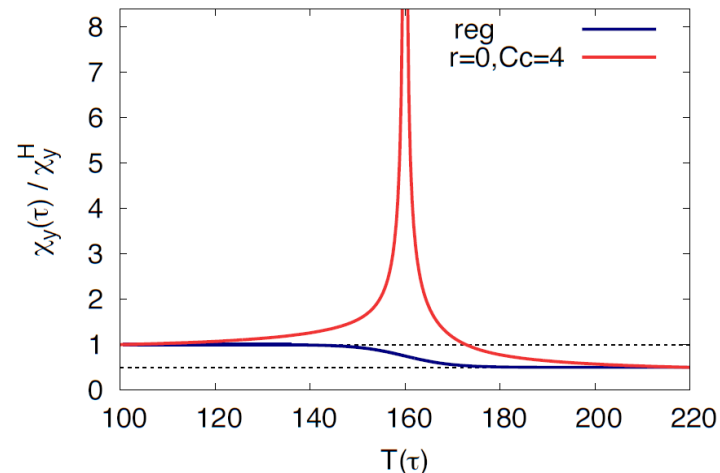


# Critical Point / Cumulant

$$K(\Delta y) = \langle \delta Q^2 \rangle / \langle \delta Q^2 \rangle_{\text{eq.}}$$



□ non-monotonic  $\Delta y$  dep.



Analytic  
result

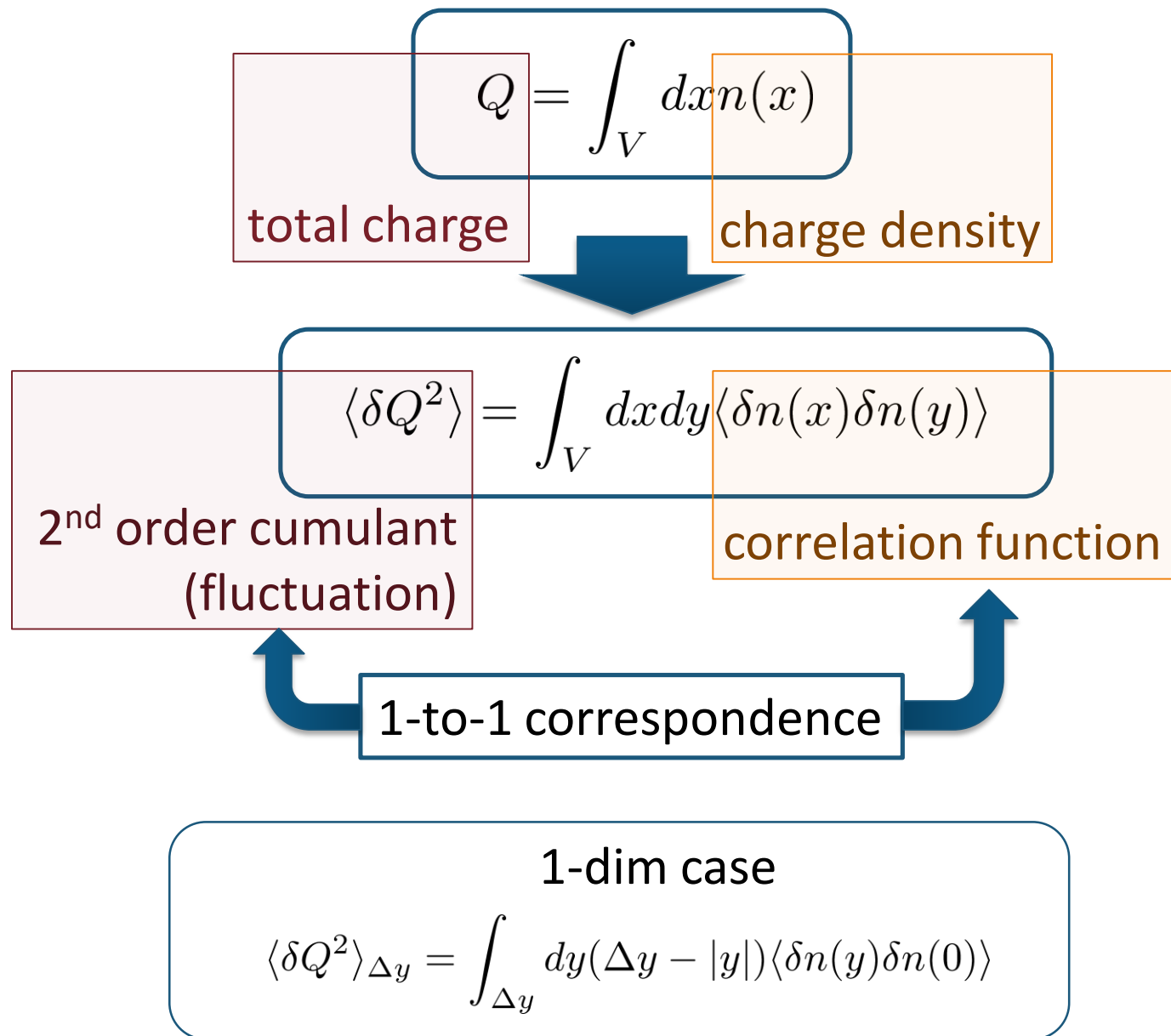
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non-monotonic



$\chi(\tau)$   
non-monotonic

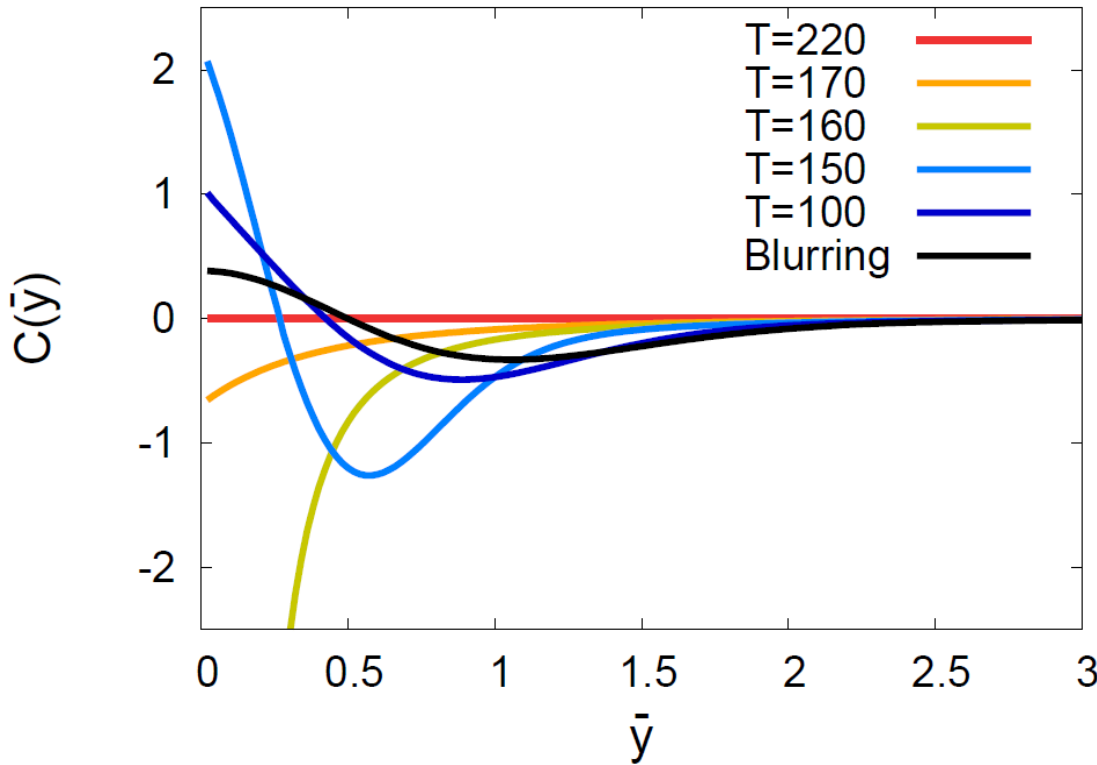
See also,  
Wu, Song  
arXiv: 1903.06075

# Cumulants and Correlation Function

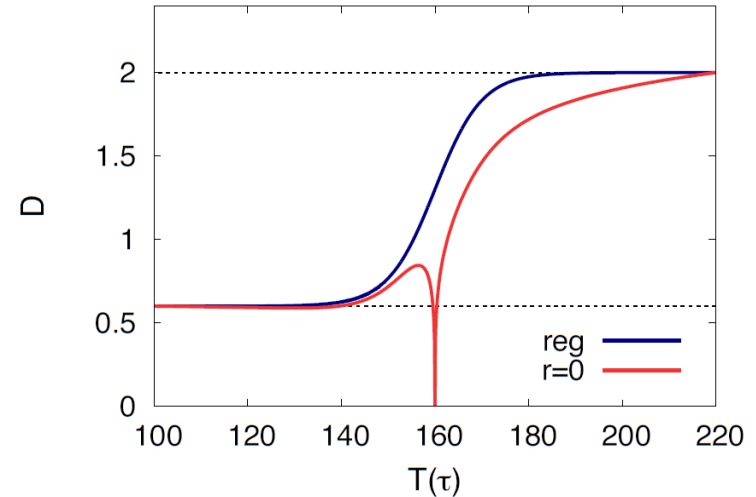
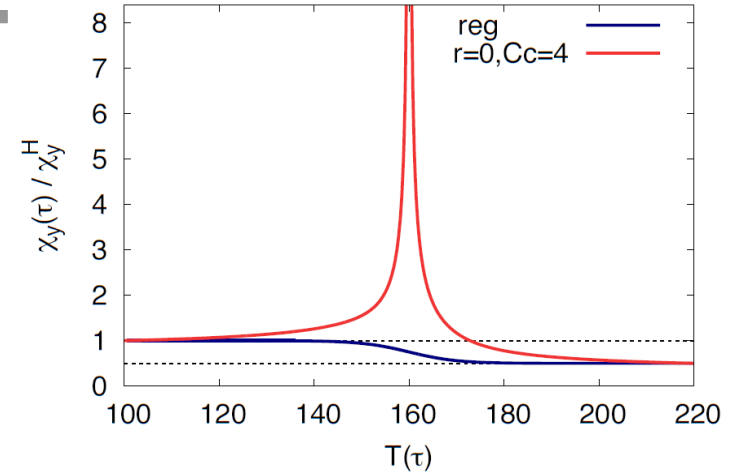


# Critical Point / Correlation Func.

$$C(\bar{y}) = \langle \delta n(\bar{y}) \delta n(0) \rangle / \chi_{\text{hadron}}$$



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# Describing Non-Gaussianity

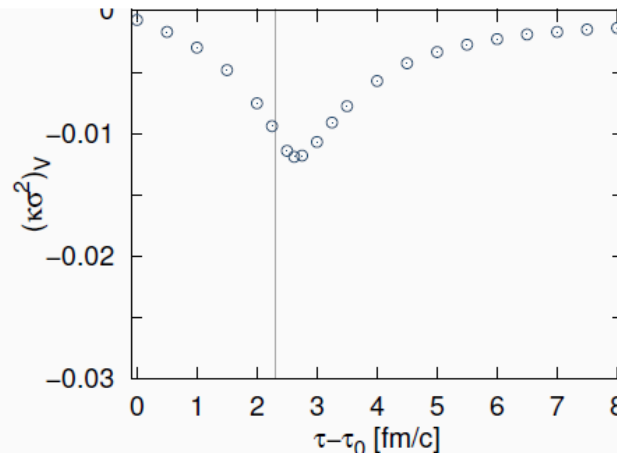
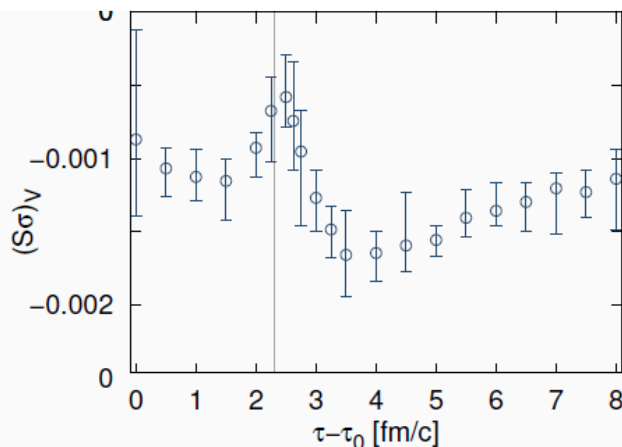
## Diffusion Eq. with Non-linear Terms

Nahrgang, Bluhm, Schaefer, Bass,  
arxiv:1804.05728

$$\partial_\tau n = \Gamma(n) \partial_Y^2 \frac{\delta F[n]}{\delta n(Y)} + \partial_Y \xi$$

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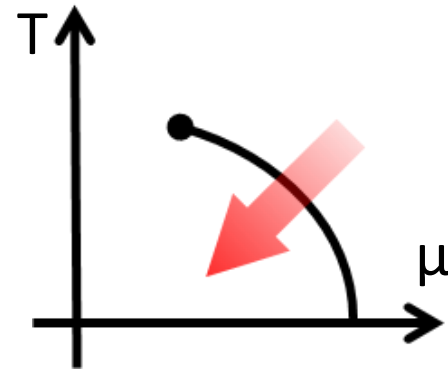
$$f(n) = k(\nabla n)^2 + a\Delta n^2 + b\Delta n^3 + c\Delta n^4 + \dots$$



Application to  
1<sup>st</sup> order transition:  
Nonaka, Akamatsu, Bluhm,  
MK, Nahrgang,  
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□ Proper description of higher order cumulants

# 1<sup>st</sup>-Order Transition



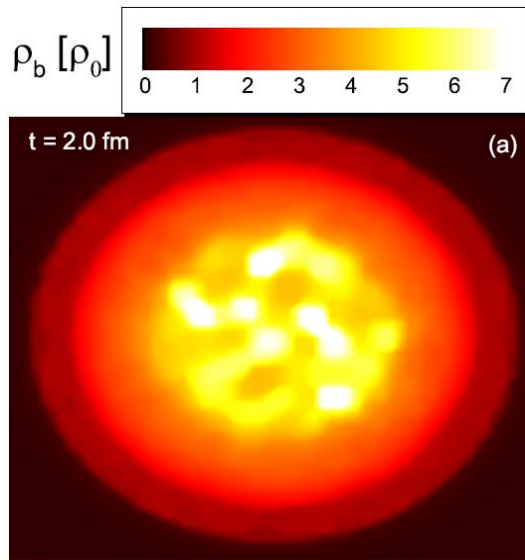
- Domain formation
- Non-uniform system

Finding a line: Easier than the search for a point.

# Dynamical Simulations

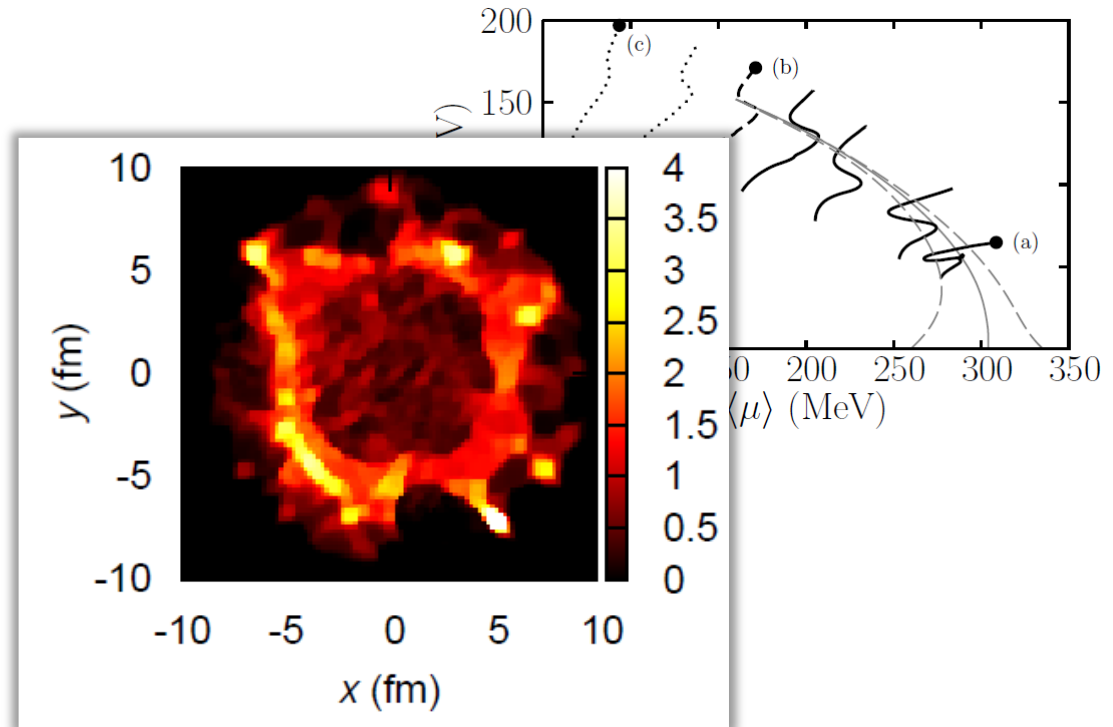
## Hydro with unstable EoS

Steinheimer, Randrup, Koch, 2014



## Chiral Fluid Dynamics

Herold, Nahrgang, Mishustin, Bleicher, 2014



□ Good observables to see domain formation:  $\langle \rho^n \rangle / \langle \rho \rangle^n$ , and ?

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Coat of arms of Paris



Let's continue our voyage to QCD-CP!

# In place of **Summary**

- ❑ Let's consider lower order cumulants more seriously before exploring higher orders.
- ❑ Experimental analysis becomes more difficult and less reliable for higher orders.
- ❑ Puzzle of Proton/charge fluctuations at ALICE.